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Unanimous Vote For Arabs in Histadrut

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The 71st Council of the Histadrut on Thursday night decided by acclamation to accept Arab and other non-Jewish workers as full members of the Labour Federation, and not only of individual trades unions, as was the practice in the past.

This decision, which was taken at the closing session of the Council at the Ohel Theatre, has the full support of the minority parties who boycotted the last day of the Council. The opposition — Mapam, Abud Haavoda, Haavod Hanihi and the Communist — walked out on Wednesday afternoon after the majority had refused to accept certain proposals on electoral procedure.

Cables of greeting were received from dozens of Arab local councils, and Mr. George Ra'ad, of Nazareth, welcomed the decision on behalf of Arab workers.

Secretary-General Pinhas Lavon, in his closing address, expressed the hope that "this hasty decision of the opposition will soon be forgotten." He regretted that the opposition had decided to boycott the Council instead of remaining to argue its case.

Mr. Lavon announced that Histadrut members had so far underwritten \$1.7m. worth of the Immigration Loan bonds, and that the Federation's economic enterprises had taken in over \$1.5m. He was certain that further demands would be made of the public, and that the Federation would rise to the occasion. "It would not harm the private sector to compete with us in this field," he observed.

Mr. Moshe Sharet, M.K., warned Council members that the events of the past few days would severely affect workers' living standards and he called on the Histadrut to take upon itself the responsibility of staying off such a development.

Main Achievements

- This Council marked a turning point in the history of the Labour Federation because of three major achievements:
1. The adoption of the 1958 constitution in the past few days.
 2. The decision to accept Arab workers as full members of the Federation.
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B-G Talks with Newcomers in the South

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion, on Thursday made an on-the-spot inspection to see for himself how the new immigrants from Rumania are being integrated when he spent the day touring the Kiryat Gat and Ashdod areas in the south.

Scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed everywhere. Mr. Ben-Gurion went. He was continually surrounded by hundreds of immigrants, who cheered and called their blessings on him. Some even kissed his hands.

When he came into Ashdod in the morning he was met by hundreds of persons and children presented him with flowers. At the approach to the town an aged immigrant from Morocco, a Cohen, advanced and placed his hands on the Prime Minister's head to deliver the traditional benediction.

Employing six languages: Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish, Russian, French and Turkish, Mr. Ben-Gurion spoke extensively with the immigrants. Most said they had been well

Iraq Boasts Of Flying Arms To Algerian Rebels

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Premier Major General Abdel Karim Kassem, in a speech reported here Thursday, said the Algerian insurgents are fighting with Iraqi arms.

"Every week one or two Iraqi aircraft carry arms and ammunition to the Algerians," he is reported to have told a meeting of Iraqi newspaper editors on Wednesday. "We will send them more," he added.

In an obvious reference to the U.A.R. press and radio campaign against Iraq, the Premier advised the editors not to retaliate but to praise the attacks.

He also told them that there would be several major developments in Iraq next month to consolidate the country's well-being and secure its sovereignty.

On the question of Iraqi withdrawal from the Baghdad Pact, General Kassem told the editors, "We are working in secrecy. We will reach a very satisfactory solution which will secure the people's interests."

Discussing Iraq's foreign policy of positive neutrality, he said, "We will be friends to all, but allies to none. It is only when an Arab state is subjected to danger that we will be an ally of that state."

French Cabinet Confers On Rift With Tunisia

The French Cabinet met Thursday under President de Gaulle to discuss the rift in Tunisia and the demand for the French Army high command for more troops in Algeria.

Foreign Minister Maurice Faure told the Cabinet that Tunisia's aid to the insurgents had created "an abnormal situation contrary to the rules of international law."

President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia on Thursday night added fuel to the burning crisis in a radio speech accusing the French Government of playing a political espionage plot to his country. Thirteen Frenchmen have been arrested in Tunisia.

The newspaper derided the Histadrut decision to accept Arab workers as full members, saying nothing was being done to protect Arabs against "arbitrary arrest and banishment."

Cyprus Plan Before U.K. Cabinet Today

LONDON (Reuters). — Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd will on Friday seek Cabinet approval of the Greco-Turkish plan for Cyprus which he had been discussing during the past two days with the Foreign Ministers of those countries.

Assuming the Cabinet approves it, the three Foreign Ministers — Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Euzenat of Greece, and Mr. Fatis Zorlu of Turkey — are expected to agree later in the day to call a formal tripartite conference next week, perhaps Monday.

In preparation for a conference, Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor of Cyprus, has been summoned to London. He is due early Friday. Dr. Fadil Kutub and Mr. Raif Dattash, leaders of the Turkish Cypriot community, are also expected in London soon.

Mr. Lloyd told the House of Commons on Thursday afternoon that the Government "warmly welcomed" the Greco-Turkish agreement, but he gave no hint as to when or whether it was prepared to accept the settlement terms.

In addition to matters affecting the Greek and Turkish communities of the Mediterranean, Mr. Lloyd said, vital British interests exist on Cyprus.

British sovereignty over British bases on Cyprus would not be surrendered, he told a questioner. Speaking for the opposition, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Foreign Minister in the Labour "Shadow Cabinet," said he welcomed the "apparent success" of the talks to date.

According to reliable British sources, the British Government wished to be assured that its bases in Cyprus would be safeguarded; minority rights would be protected, and the island would not fall into the hands of Communist influence.

Meir Leaves For U.S., Canada Tour

LYDIA AIRPORT. — The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, expressed full confidence in the response of American and Canadian leaders to the needs of the current immigration wave of immigrants who she left by K.L.M. on Thursday for a month's visit to the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Israel Barzilai, Minister of Health and of Posts, is to leave for the U.S. on Friday. Mrs. Meir will tour New York, Hartford, Philadelphia, St. Paul, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, Newark, Miami, as well as Montreal, on behalf of the immigration fund drive sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds.

At the airport to see her off were the American Ambassador, Mr. Edward R. Lawson, the Netherlands Ambassador, Mr. J. Q. van Riebeeck, the Liberian Ambassador, Mr. Ernest Jerome Yancy, the Canadian Ambassador, Miss Marjorie Mowbray, the wife of the French Ambassador, Mme. Gilbert, the French Chargé d'Affaires, E. Louis Legendre, the Chairman of the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. M. Agran, the Chief of the Israel Embassy, Mr. Z. Shatz, the Israel Ambassador to Burma, Dr. D. Lewin, the Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. M. Comay, the Secretary-General of Mapai, Dr. G. Josephthal, the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Harry Belia, as well as members of Mrs. Meir's family.

JORDAN BARS WIVES FROM CIVIL SERVICE (Reuters). — The Jordan authorities decided on Thursday to ban all married women from working as civil servants in education offices and Government schools. They want to provide more jobs for men.

Ike Urges Shah to Stand Firm As Russia Delivers New Blast

UK Assures Israel Of Continued Amity

Post Political Reporter

The renewal of British diplomatic relations with Egypt will not affect the friendly relationship existing between Israel and the United Kingdom, Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Eliahu was reassured by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd on Thursday.

The two diplomats met for an hour at the request of Mr. Eliahu earlier this week. It was their first meeting in several weeks although close contact has existed between the Israeli Embassy and top Foreign Office officials during the past three months.

The recent visit of U.S. Secretary of State Dulles to London, during which the U.S.-British Middle East policies were discussed, added further weight to the Eliahu-Lloyd meeting.

In addition to the Egyptian situation, Iraq was also a subject of the discussions between the Ambassador and the Foreign Secretary. It was learned.

The two diplomats agreed that both nations are interested in keeping the Kassem regime free of both Nasserist and Communist influences.

Egypt Insists Smouha Land Is Agricultural

CAIRO (Reuters). — Minister of the Economy Abdul Mo'neim el-Kaissey on Thursday presided over a two-hour meeting to review matters delaying the final signing of the Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement.

It followed a previous night conversation between the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mr. Fawzi el-Sayid, and the President of the World Bank, Mr. Eugene Black, who is understood to have requested further information regarding the Smouha property.

At the meeting, all available information regarding the Smouha property was discussed. It will be forwarded to Mr. Black who will communicate it to London and convey the British reply to Cairo.

After the meeting, a Ministry of Economy source said the U.A.R. had not changed her view that "the Smouha land is agricultural."

"There are documents bearing Smouha's signature, dated between 1952 and 1953, through which he transferred to his wife and sons vast areas of land. Such transfer documents registered the land as agricultural, valued at \$440 the fedan."

Britain has declared the land to be urban and thus worth many times the Egyptian estimate.

Gilbert to Paris For Consultations

LYDIA AIRPORT. — The French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert, left by Swissair for Zurich on Thursday en route for Paris where he will stay a fortnight for consultations with his Government.

Mineweepers for UAR

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — The U.A.R. flag was on Wednesday hoisted over a number of new mineweepers in Latakia. As First Army Commander Major General Jamal Faisal hoisted the flag, a 21-gun salvo was fired.



'Important' Talks On Europe in May

LONDON. — Prime Minister Macmillan said in the House of Commons on Thursday that "important negotiations on European problems" will keep him busy during May.

In Paris, it was expected that the Western powers would during the weekend deliver their replies on the latest Soviet proposals for Germany. The West has been discussing at meetings of the NATO Permanent Council what form the replies would take. The Council is expected to meet again on Friday.

In Bonn, the Government spokesman declared, "It is the West German Government's policy not to open talks with the East German Government on German unification. He pointed out, however, that there is contact with the 'Soviet Zone' at a lower level." He added that the Federal Government would not object to the presence of its "experts" or "observers," and those of East Germany, at any Big Four conference.

B-G: Catholicism 'Friendly to Israel'

It was officially stated in Jerusalem on Thursday that some comment by the Prime Minister to the 5th convention of Latin American immigrants in Tel Aviv on Wednesday concerning the Catholic Church's attitude to Israel were distorted in press reports.

Mr. Ben-Gurion actually stated that despite the fact that the Catholic Church has not yet recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital, both the Church and Catholics all over the world have shown and are showing friendly feelings for the State of Israel. The Latin American countries, the majority of whose populations consist of Catholics, represent a fine example of this friendship, he had added.

Israel Accused Of Arming 'Tyrants'

SANTIAGO, Chile (INA). — Radio Emisoras Nuevo Mundo on Thursday accused Israel of supplying military equipment to Latin American "tyrants."

The broadcast said Israel captured former British tanks in Sinai "and with the magnificent spirit of trade which inspires them, they decided to convert them into money and sold them to the tyrants in America."

It stated former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista was interested in buying the equipment directly from Israel but Nicaraguan strongman Somoza closed the deal with Israel for the tanks before Batista could get them.

However, the broadcast said, Batista was able to buy some of the tanks from Nicaragua and used them against Fidel Castro's forces.

Iran Rejects Soviet Pact Offer

The Soviet Union Thursday night issued its strongest attack to date against the Shah and Government of Iran. Loosely veiled threats permeated the Soviet statement, issued through Tass, the official news agency.

The U.S.S.R. charged Iran with taking "hostile steps" against Russia and "entering the road of aggressive American policies in the Near and Middle East."

At the same time, it was reported from Washington that President Eisenhower had sent a personal message to the Shah, urging him to stand fast with his Western and Baghdad Pact allies and shun Soviet pressures and overtures.

In addition, the "New York Times" reported that similar messages had been sent to the Shah by the leaders of three other nations in the Near East — Britain, France and the United States.

From London came an official statement that Britain was supporting the Shah's position as a pact member. But no formal message had been sent to the Shah by Mr. Macmillan.

Tass quoted the Shah as saying he intended to sign an agreement with the U.S. but would not conclude a pact with Russia.

"All this shows," the Russian statement charged, "that the Persian Government and the Shah are conducting a double-faced, insincere policy which cannot but have grave results — above all for Persia."

The Soviet Union could "not disregard such steps by Persia which are dictated neither by the interests of improving relations nor by the interests of maintaining peace," the statement declared.

Burmese Unity Is Threatened

RANGOON (Reuters). — Prime Minister General Ne Win on Thursday called Burma an "organic disease" and said he was filled with anxiety whether it would live long.

The Premier, speaking at a rally of Burmese and minority races on the occasion of Union Day, said "while efforts are being made to promote closer relations among races and consolidate the Union of Burma, there are factions demanding separate states for Mons and Arakanese and working for the secession of the Shan state from Burma."

He called on leaders and the people to work for the unity of the races and the stability of the state.

Sources close to the Government said the General is expected to resign on Friday.

After Midnight

Thousands of persons turned out in Khartoum on Thursday night to give President Tito of Yugoslavia a warm welcome when he arrived from Ethiopia on his tour of Afro-Asian countries.

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Social & Personal

The West Nigerian Minister of Agriculture, Chief Gbadebo, and the Chairman of the West Nigerian Development and Production Council, Chief A.O. Reuben, on Thursday visited the offices of the Engineers Association and the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Members of the delegation of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Chicago visited the Hebrew University yesterday, and were received by the President, Professor R. Massar, and members of the Executive.

The delegation of the Jewish National Fund from Western Canada also visited the Hebrew University yesterday and was received by the Chairman of the Executive Council, Mr. S. Cohen, and the head of the English Department, Prof. A. Mendilow.

The outgoing General of the Italian Army, General M. Pizzardi, on Thursday took leave of the Acting Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Mordechai Ish-Shalom.

Prof. Arvid Wauters, of the University of Brussels, was yesterday the guest of Dr. Isaac Quattrone, President of the Hebrew University School of Law and Economics.

Dr. H. Ludwig, Tel Aviv, has returned from Europe from a trip in connection with experts of Emerson Air-Conditioners.

The "Expressionism" exhibition at the Basile National Museum will be prolonged for another week, closing on February 22.

BIRTHS — On February 4, 1959, in London, to Miss G. Gaster, a son (Jonathan).

GUTTMANN — To Miss (Guttmann) and Dr. Joel Guttmann, on February 5, a son, Daniel, grandson to Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Guttmann, Jerusalem, and Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Aschner, Rehovot.

Austrian Jews Ask 4-Power Intercession

HAIFA — The World Association of Austrian Jews has appealed to the four powers that signed the 1948 U.S. State Department plan to intercede with the Austrian Government on the restitution of Jewish property. The Association, which has its headquarters in Haifa, under the terms of the Austrian State Treaty, Austria undertakes to compensate Austrian victims of the Nazis and the signatory powers assumed responsibility for the fulfillment of the Treaty obligations.

The Association estimates the value of Jewish property confiscated in Austria between 1938 and 1945 at \$1,000,000. It rejects as totally inadequate a recent Austrian offer to settle Jewish claims by a payment of \$600.

Wrecked Trucks Block Acre-Safad Road

TIBERIAS — Two trucks collided early on Thursday morning near Ein Zetim, blocking traffic on the Acre-Safad road for several hours.

The two drivers were unhurt and the two vehicles, which were badly damaged, were towed away by a breakdown truck.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TODAY — JERUSALEM: Mr. Jaffa Rd. opp. Ramat Hahayim, 4132.

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Six Aden States Federate

ADEN (Reuters). — The rulers of six states in the Aden Protectorate on Wednesday signed the constitution of the new federation being created in the southern Arabian Peninsula with British support and with the aim of ultimate independence.

The British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, who attended the ceremony inaugurating the federation, said it was the rulers' desire "to pool their resources, to live without fear of subversion or attack, and to give their people greater security and prosperity."

He pledged the support and friendship of the British Government for the new federation, which will be known as the Federation of Arab Emirates of the South.

The six — out of a total of 18 — Western Aden protectorate states forming the federation are: the Sultanates of Aden, Lahij, Ta'izz, Al Hudaydah, Al Mukalla, and Al Bayhan.

Egyptian Coptic Bishop Crosses into Israel

The newly-appointed Coptic Orthodox Bishop of the Holy Land, Bishop Gabriel, crossed into Israel on Wednesday to attend the funeral of a priest who died in a train accident in Egypt three years ago.

This is the first time that a senior Coptic dignitary has visited this country since the late Archbishop Youssef died in a train accident in Egypt three years ago.

Voltage Regulator Shown To Press

JERUSALEM Post Reporter — A new type of high-voltage regulator unit, constructed by the Tel Aviv University, is being shown to the press at the Hebrew University Physics Laboratory, which was shown to reporters on Wednesday.

The unit has been designed according to specifications submitted by Prof. Z. Low, for research in electronic magnetic resonance, as part of a research project being carried out by the University on behalf of U.S.A.F.

It is claimed this unit is considerably cheaper than U.S.-produced models. The plant management attributes this to lower wage levels in Israel.

The Tel Aviv factory was founded in 1953 by a group of American investors but financial setbacks in 1956 led to the acquisition of the plant by the Hebrew University.

The plant produces quartz crystals for voltage frequency controls according to U.S. military specifications. It also produces quartz crystals for use in electronic equipment.

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NATO. — Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst of the RAF was on Thursday named as Commander of the Allied Air Forces in Central Europe. General Eddleman, Commanding General of the Seventh U.S. Army, becomes Commanding General Central Army Group.

ARRIVALS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem arrived in London on Thursday for a study tour.

DEPARTURES: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem departed for London on Thursday for a study tour.

RECEIPTS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem received their diplomas on Thursday.

EXHIBITIONS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem exhibited their work on Thursday.

PERFORMANCES: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem performed on Thursday.

LECTURES: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem lectured on Thursday.

DEBATES: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem debated on Thursday.

DISCUSSIONS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem discussed on Thursday.

PRESENTATIONS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem presented on Thursday.

AWARDS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem received awards on Thursday.

CELEBRATIONS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem celebrated on Thursday.

RECEPTIONS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem received receptions on Thursday.

ENTERTAINMENT: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem entertained on Thursday.

SPORTS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem participated in sports on Thursday.

TRAVEL: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem traveled on Thursday.

ACCOMMODATION: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem found accommodation on Thursday.

FOOD: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ate food on Thursday.

DRINKS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem drank drinks on Thursday.

TOBACCO: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem smoked tobacco on Thursday.

ALCOHOL: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem drank alcohol on Thursday.

DRUGS: A group of 100 students from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem used drugs on Thursday.

State Department Fighting Boycott

WASHINGTON (I.N.A.). — Arab governments are discrediting against American firms and citizens because they carry on business relations with Israel, the U.S. State Department admitted on Tuesday.

The charge was contained in a letter from Mr. William Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations. The letter was released to the public by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The letter was addressed to Senator Humphrey and answered a question submitted to the State Department concerning blacklisting of American firms by Jordan.

Mr. Macomber said the U.S. found the Arab boycott of "great concern" and that "we do not recognize it and have protested to the Arab governments their discriminatory practices which affect United States firms and citizens."

The Government and its representatives abroad, he said, will continue to emphasize to the Arab governments that there should be no discrimination against American firms because they carry on business relations with Israel.

A nine-year-old boy from Hittim, near Gadera, was killed by a car on Wednesday. The boy was on his way to school.

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Meir at Head of 'Friendly' Ministry

JERUSALEM Post Reporter — "Your Foreign Ministry is mischievous," said Mrs. Golda Meir, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on Tuesday, in a "friendly" ministry.

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Today's Postbags

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers. Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy.

Weather Summary	A	B	C	D
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Theresa	45	7	17	18
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ARRIVALS

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Dr. Y. Burt, M.D., from Zurich, Switzerland, and Austria, on affairs for the National Jewish Hospital, from Zurich, Switzerland, on a two-week visit to the U.S. for a five-week visit to the U.S. (by K.L.M.).

DEPARTURES

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TOURISTS AND ISRAELI TRAVELLERS

Enjoy your waiting time in the Tel Aviv Airport. After terminating your passport and customs formalities, make your way to the DUTY FREE SHOP and take along with you, at lowest prices, French Perfumes, American-English Cigarettes, Cigars, French Cigars, Liquors, Cameras and Swiss Watches. (Advt.)

OVER 100 fines were imposed in Tel Aviv this last month on violators of the municipal law forbidding sale of pork. Fines totalled IL1650.

MAPA! won all five seats in the Employees Committee of the American-Israeli Paper Mills in Hadassah, election held among its 200 workers this week.

U.K.-Israel Air Talks

Make No Progress

TEL AVIV. — No headway was made on Thursday in two meetings held between the Israeli and British Government delegations negotiating the revision of the civil aviation agreement between the two countries.

The two sessions took place here after the British delegation received new instructions which were requested from London. The talks broke off on Monday. Another meeting has been scheduled for Friday.

The British and Israeli delegations declined to comment on the latest meetings. It is reliably learned though that no progress was made in the negotiations, as both sides seemed firm on their opposing demands.

Dr. Aryeh Oppenheim

Dead at 58

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The noted surgeon and gynaecologist, Dr. Aryeh Oppenheim, died here on Thursday at the age of 58.

Dr. Oppenheim arrived here first 25 years ago and worked as an agricultural labourer. He was an active member of the Haifa Branch of the Medical Association and was on the editorial board of "Harefuah" and the English-language "Medical Journal".

RABBI MOSCOWITZ

DEAD AT 80

TEL AVIV. — Rabbi David Moscovitz, a member of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rabbinical Council, died here on Thursday at the age of 80. He arrived 25 years ago and was a delegate to several Zionist Congresses. The funeral will leave the Municipal Hospital at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, (today).

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The Physicians of Haifa

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Member of the Central Committee of the Israel Medical Association and Deputy Chairman of its Haifa branch.

The funeral will leave from Beit Harofe on Friday, 1 p.m.

IPO to Present Another Opera: To Protest Ban to Aranne

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is preparing to present a Mozart opera — "Così fan tutti" — in June, 1969 under the baton of Mr. Erich Leinsdorf of the New York Metropolitan Opera House.

The Decca company of the U.S. will record the performance and pay the costs of the production. Mr. Zvi Harel, the manager of the Orchestra, told "him" upon his return to Israel by El Al on Thursday from the U.S. and England.

Mr. Harel was abroad for a month to sign up artists for the Orchestra's 1968-69 season. He reported that he has secured contracts with 14 world-famous musicians.

Among them are Leonard Bernstein, the conductor, and Clifford Curzon and Gino Bachauer, the pianists, who will make their first appearance in Israel.

The Orchestra's manager also said that he had arranged for Arthur Schnitzler and Alexander Brailowsky, the pianists, and Nathan Milstein, the violinist, to play here again.

Funds from abroad. Commenting on the recent press reports that the IPO would not receive a foreign currency allowance from the Government to bring foreign artists to Israel, Mr. Harel said that, in fact, the Orchestra gets no foreign currency from the Government for this purpose.

Friends of the Orchestra Fund for Israel Institutions provide the wherewithal to pay the foreign artists, he said.

The Government contributes no more than IL4,000 to the IPO's IL1,500,000 annual budget. In any case, the artists whom the IPO brings to Israel are paid "very modest sums," he said.

Mr. Harel also reported that the Orchestra will give a series of concerts in Greece in August under Mr. Jean Martinon, the Orchestra's artistic director, and Mr. Carlo Maria Giulini. If Dmitri Mitropoulos recovers from his present illness, he will conduct the Orchestra instead of Mr. Martinon.

Preliminary arrangements have also been made for the IPO's tour of the U.S. in October, 1969. Mr. Harel said. (London — Page 6)

Rabin Unable to Stay For Jerusalem Concert

Jerusalemites will not hear Michael Rabin, the violinist, in the next subscription concert, as originally scheduled. The reason for this is Rafael Aricha's decision to force the IPO to postpone some of the performances of Verdi's "Requiem," resulting in a postponement of the concert for the Fifth Subscription Series.

Instead of Michael Rabin, Miss Pina Steinman will appear as soloist in the Piano Concerto by Schumann. The Rabin concert for Jerusalem had been put off to February 3, but after the violinist's arrival it was found out that he could not stay till that date because of prior engagements. The concert had therefore been postponed again, to Sunday.

The IPO's management has expressed regret at the inconvenience caused by the changes, but explained that artists from abroad fit their Israel appearances into their usually tight European schedule.

After the "Falstaff" performance, to close at the end of February, the orchestra expects the arrival of the French conductor, Jean Fournet, who will give his first visit to Israel. Mr. Fournet is a main conductor of the Concerto Lamoureux, the Paris Opera, and the Opéra Comique, and has directed most of the important European orchestras.

The soloist in his series will be Yehudi Menuhin, who will play the Violin Concerto by Ernest Bloch. Y. B.

Lawson Receives Friendship League

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "I had hoped to remain in Israel until the end of my diplomatic career in two years, when I am due for retirement, but the rules of the State Department allow only for four years of service in one country," the outgoing U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, told a delegation of the Israel-Africa Friendship League, which he received at his office on Thursday.

The delegation was headed by Dr. A. Ankorian (Tel Aviv), Dr. A. Altman (Jerusalem), and Mr. U. Shalom (Haifa). Dr. Ankorian told Lawson that the League had been informed of Lawson's approval of the nomination of Mr. Ogden Reid, successor to Mr. Lawson. It is learned in Jerusalem.

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Josephthal Sought For Aliya Post

Offer Credentials

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The President of the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, earlier this week asked the Israeli Secretary-General, Dr. Giora Josephthal, to return to the Jewish Agency to handle the absorption of the new immigrants.

Dr. Josephthal affirmed that such an appeal had been made, but he had no comment to make on the possibility of his accepting. Magal circles told The Post that they had not yet discussed Dr. Goldmann's appeal. They said that it was not probable that the party would relieve Dr. Josephthal of his post before the general elections in November.

But should the party waves of immigration continue and its absorption presented difficulties, they might let him go.

1st Druse Graduates From Med. School

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A celebration was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Shlomo M. Moudi, M.K. in Kafr Yitzhak, Western Galilee, to mark the graduation of the first Druse student from the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

The graduates, Dr. Hamud Khalil Sa'ab, a 25-year-old bachelor, is the son of a farmer from the nearby village of Abu Sinan. He is now an interne at the Rambam Hospital's department of internal medicine.

Among the well-wishers were Mr. Bechor Shlir, Minister of Police; Professor M. Zeman, Vice-President of the Hebrew University; Professor M. Rabinowitz, Dean of the University Medical School; Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, a former National President of Hadassah in the U.S.; Dr. Shimon Shatz, Director-General of the Ministry of Health; Druse dignitaries, senior civil servants, Army officers and Police.

The significance of the occasion was summed up by the Military Governor of Galilee, Ben-Zur Y. Verbin, who, in a tribute to the student, said: "You have made your mark in the Army and in the Police, and now you are making it in the sphere of professional skill."

The student, Dr. Hamud Khalil Sa'ab, is a native of Kafr Yitzhak, a village of 1,500 people, and was a member of the local youth group. He was a member of the local youth group. He was a member of the local youth group.

S. American Envoys Offer Credentials

Two newly accredited diplomats, the Argentine and Venezuelan Ministers, on Thursday presented their credentials to President Ezer Weizman at a ceremony held at Beit Harofe in Jerusalem.

The Argentine envoy, Dr. Rodolfo Garcia Ariza, brought greetings to the President from President Arturo Frondizi and conveyed the best wishes of the Government and the people of Argentina for Israel's further development.

Venezuela's first Minister to Israel, Dr. Romeo Arango, in presenting his credentials also expressed his deep personal impressions upon coming to the Land of Israel for the first time.

The Government was represented at both ceremonies by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rom.

'Malinki Lied, So Shadmi Innocent'

TEL AVIV. — A/M Isaac Shadmi, charged before a military tribunal with responsibility in the murder of 20 men of Kafr Kasim village on October 29, 1956, took the oath on Thursday.

His counsel, Mr. Yacov Salomon, charged that the case against Shadmi was a complete fabrication. It was based almost entirely on the worthless testimony of R/S Malinki, Shadmi's subordinate, on the day of the killings.

Taking point by point in his summing up, Mr. Salomon said:

Malinki had testified that Shadmi had used the phrase "May Allah have mercy on their souls" at a meeting between the two on the morning of the tragedy and not, as Shadmi says, under entirely different circumstances at the time of the tragedy.

Malinki had agreed with his fellow officers that the statement and the spirit of the curfew orders would be attributed to Shadmi, and that it was Malinki's orders that "everyone found out during the curfew, old and young, men and women, will be shot, that led to the tragedy, and not Shadmi's orders."

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THREE CHILDREN DIE, ONE HURT, IN ACCIDENTS

A three-and-a-half year old boy and two infants died and a two-year-old boy was admitted to hospital with serious head injuries in a series of accidents on Wednesday and Thursday in various parts of the country.

A five-day-old baby boy, who had been adopted by a woman from Petah Tikva, died in his cot on Wednesday night. The child was found dead of strangulation in his cot on Wednesday morning, with his head caught between the bars and his hands.

In Mei Nafthan, near Jerusalem, a 15-month-old girl was found dead of strangulation in her cot on Wednesday morning, with her head caught between the bars and her hands.

The Government was represented at both ceremonies by the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rom.

Exhumation of Child's Body Ordered

HAIFA. — The Magistrate's court here on Thursday issued an order for the exhumation of the body of a four-year-old boy who died over a week ago to determine whether proper medical attention could have saved his life.

The order was requested by the District Medical Officer of the Health Ministry here.

The child, Zev Rosenberg of Kiryat Tivon, had been ill for several days and was treated by a Kupat Holim pediatrician. He died on Wednesday morning on January 21, a neighbour called the duty physician. By the time the doctor arrived the boy was dead.

The mother and neighbours complained that but for the physician's late arrival, the child could have been saved.

RELUCTANT SHEPHERD BOY BACK IN JORDAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Holding the hand of an Israeli policeman, 15-year-old Abdul Rahman, who had been in the custody of the British military police in Jordan on Thursday morning, 10 days after he fled to Israel to escape what he called his step-father's daily thrashing.

The young shepherd boy was picked up by an Israeli border patrol near the Jordanian town of Ajlun, weeping and suffering from exposure.

Before he was led across, with tears in his eyes, he told this reporter in Arabic, "Now my father will beat me more because I fled to Israel."

He said he would try to enter Jordan again because he has friends there.

Galilee Woman Aged by Cousin

ACRE. — A 55-year-old woman from Bakhnia village in Central Galilee, Latifa Habib, was on Thursday attacked by her cousin, Akef, who had been in the custody of the British military police in Jordan on Thursday morning, 10 days after he fled to Israel to escape what he called his step-father's daily thrashing.

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Greek Police Guard Nazi War Criminal

ATHENS (Reuters). — A German officer, Captain Maximilian Merian, accused of the mass deportation and murder of Jews and the killing of 600 Greek hostages, left an Athens military court Wednesday night in a jeep by a crowd of several hundred shouting, "To the gallows, you beast!"

About 50 policemen kept the crowd at a distance. Earlier Merian, who faces 30 charges of war crimes, had heard the court reject all claims for damages against him raised by the Balkan community and private individuals.

The court, which took four and a half hours to reach its decision, said the responsibility for material damage did not directly arise from the indictment.

The crowded courtroom was strongly guarded during the hearing. Merian, who has been held for two years in an Athens jail, was escorted by military police.

Five of the two charges in the 44-page indictment carry the death sentence. The other 15 include allegations that Merian imprisoned the big Jews in inhuman conditions, tortured Jews in public squares, created ghettos and forced Jews to wear a yellow star.

The court was advised by the military command of Greece during the German occupation of Greece. The trial is continuing.

Persian Avalanche Claims 15 Lives

TEHRAN (Reuters). — An avalanche killed 15 persons and injured 24 in a bus and two trucks on a mountainous road near here on Thursday.

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The Middle East Scene

By Amnon Barakat

BAGHDAD: 'HANDS OFF'



Colonel Abdul Salam Aref in Damascus with Nasser after pledging Iraq to 'unite with the U.A.R. against aggression.'

THE political situation in Iraq is still shrouded in mystery, but amidst the welter of reports, rumors and propaganda which followed last week-end's far-reaching Cabinet reshuffle two things emerge clearly.

First, the most influential political group in Iraq—General Abdul Karim Kassem's new Cabinet in the National Democratic Party led by Kamel al-Chadheri, fix of the Party's leading members and sympathizers now hold all the key portfolios except those of Defence and Interior, while the rest of the Ministers are army officers known for their unflinching devotion to Kassem—and one civilian, a Kurd, with no affiliation.

Second, the Cabinet includes an unknown Communist or fellow-traveler, with the possible exception of Dr. Ibrahim Kubba, the Economic Minister who, for all the leftist leanings may be no more than a kind of left-wing National Democrat.

Minister of Finance Muhammad Haddad and Minister of National Guidance Hussein Jamil are both leading members of the National Democratic Party; Foreign Minister Hashem Jawad, although not a member of the party, is identified with its program. Minister of Development Talat el-Sheibani and Minister of State Fuad Aref, considered National Democrats, are known about the Kurd in the Cabinet, Minister of Public Works Hussein Talebani. The Portfolios of

Defence (Kassem), Interior (Brig. Ahmed Muhl al-Din) and Education (Brig. Muhl al-Din Abdul Hamid) are the only ministries of importance held by officers. Other army men hold the posts of Social Affairs and Health.

Putting House in Order

Saturday's Cabinet reshuffle has been described as the most important political development in Iraq since the July coup d'état. The preceding seven months constituted a period of consolidation marked by uncertainty, varying on change in the first place, the Cabinet which Kassem announced on July 14 was at best a makeshift affair and included widely disparate groups whose sole rallying point was their opposition to Nuri as-Said's regime. Even on the internal scene, the National Guidance portfolio and the Ministry of Education, which held the Ministry of Education, showed pronounced Ba'athist leanings and began to advocate an immediate merger with the United Arab Republic. Aref's many public pronouncements served only to increase internal strife, since there are strong and influential groups in Iraq to whom union with Egypt would mean virtual extinction. The Communists, the best-organized though by no means the strongest of these groups, took the opportunity of ingratiating themselves with General Kassem by proving the most effective counter-weight to Nasserist influence. The other anti-merger groups, the Kurds, the Shiites and the National Democrats, were only glad to see the Nasserists brought to heel and took no active role in resisting increased Communist influence.

As long as this strife inside the country and in the ranks of the army went on, Kassem did not feel in a position to make the appropriate changes in his Cabinet, although some of his Ministers were known to oppose his increased reliance on the Communists' support and repeatedly asked to be relieved of their offices. The result was that at least two of Kassem's most important Ministers, Shams al-Din al-Sayid and Dr. Abdul Wahab Jomard of Foreign Affairs, were rendered practically powerless.

Likely Repercussions

There is no doubt that Kassem's new Cabinet is stronger and more tightly knit than his predecessor. It represents an important step towards consolidation in that it possesses the power and the influence to take far-reaching decisions against any political group, not including the Communists. The charge of "reactionaries and intrigues" cannot very well be levelled against any of the new Ministers. The new National Guidance Minister's step in banning a Communist paper for two weeks—curiously enough, for making just such charges against the Communists— is a case in point and may well be an indication of the shape of things to come for the Communists. Kassem's choice of his new Ministers, in fact, strengthens the assumption that he is trying to forge an independent line between the Communist and of Nasserist influence, while granting minimum liberties to the various political groups inside the country.

Iraq's foreign policy will probably remain unchanged—neutralism between the two world blocs and support of Arab solidarity. A shift in the U.A.R. has already come from the Minister of National Guidance, and there is no reason to question the sincerity of the Iraqi Government in extending a friendly hand to Cairo.

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Histadrut Changes with Times

By Our Labor Correspondent

ARAB AIDING

DESPITE electioneering claims and rumors, both on and off stage, the 71st Histadrut Council meeting marks an important stage in the development of the Labour Federation.

This is not only because of its constant massive growth (today it represents 60 per cent of the adult population, provides 1.3 million with medical aid through Kupat Holim) but because of its present leadership, headed by Secretary General Pinhas Lavon, is now intent on moulding its development into a new purposeful pattern.

Histadrut's pragmatic approach is typical of the country as a whole. Through its history, first things have been done first, and then the ideological framework worked out. True, the founding conference in 1923 set up an ideal of Hebraic Commonwealth, but the Workers' Councils, the Histadrut's instruments were forged in a long period of trial and error.

Mr. Lavon, in his keynote address on Wednesday, spoke fervently of "sanctified values but no sacred cows in the organizational sphere." This can be taken not only as a warning to left-wing "conservatives," but also as the expression of the practical approach, which constantly combines both the basic ideas and the frameworks within which they are implemented.

The significance of this approach, and especially of its verbal expression in Mr. Lavon's report, is that the leadership has made it clear that the period of "anarchy in development" is at an end. This is the result not only of recognition of the constant need to adapt the movement to the new state and its machinery, but also because the Histadrut leadership has managed to control all those centrifugal forces which threatened to grow too swiftly, with a tendency to undermine the central structure from which they drew their powers. This was the case with Solei Boneh, the former managers of which tended to "go it alone" under the spirit of development in the state's first decade.

Not to Tolerate Nasser

But neither Kassem nor his Ministers are likely to tolerate any interference in their affairs on the part of President Nasser, and indications are that they are ready to resort to any method, including the mobilization of Communist support, against any Cairo attempt at a merger.

If Nasser is really alarmed by Communist influence in Iraq, the best service which he can render Baghdad now is to refrain from trying to impose a merger which few Iraqis seem to want—and to cease his smear campaign about an allegedly imminent Communist take-over in Baghdad.

Battle Over

It is Mr. Lavon's credit that under his Secretary-Generalship these elements have been reunited and their patterns of development directed by a common national line. The challenge of immigration has come at a time when the fight for control of the Histadrut's direction has just been successfully concluded. It was at this Council that Mr. Lavon and his colleagues were able to report their success.

Similarly, the Histadrut was told that maximum efforts were being made to reduce frictions which have grown among its members. This was the idea behind the decision to streamline Kupat Holim medical aid and to hand over various services to the Government. This step was preceded in recent years by reforms in Histadrut housing, when

members were granted greater freedom of choice. Similarly, this Council endorsed reforms in members' courts, eliminating anomalies which were a relic of pre-state conditions. These reforms in member relations are seen in the formation of joint managerial councils which are composed of managers and workers-members in Histadrut-owned enterprises. This of course, follows Mr. Lavon's declaration that the Histadrut economy is too important to allow its managers sole control. One part of this policy was the revival of Hevrat Ovim (the Histadrut holding company) as the main directing and share-owning force in the Histadrut economic section.

New Unions

The council also noted the successful reforms in the Trade Union department under Mr. Abraham Becker's leadership. The bi-annual collective labour contracts introduced in recent years, were seen as providing an "amalgam" for sheltering the country's industry from "spontaneous" and disorderly outbreaks on the wage front. The success of a system of centralized trade union movement was envisioned in the comparative absence of unrest on the labour front.

The planned formation of two new national-wide industrial unions should further reduce possibilities of disturbances in large plants all over the country. There have been many critics outside the Histadrut of the C.O.I. Index allowance payment scheme, but the Federation regards this system as the only possible means of ensuring maintenance of its members' living standards.

In this connection, Mr. Lavon paid once and for all to talk of converting the Histadrut into a pure trade union movement. This he held impossible in the light of the Histadrut's holding and its role in the State's future development. Only labour movements in highly industrialized countries which afford to concentrate on such roles, he believes. This theory was accepted by other developing countries which have decided to follow the Histadrut's organizational pattern.

The great interest in the Histadrut evidenced by state movements in the new republics Africa and Asia has increased in recent years through the efforts of the Histadrut's Political Department headed by Mr. Reuven Barkat. The Federation takes pride that the department's activities have been widely recognized and paved the way for official contacts with the gov-

THE HISTADRUT COUNCIL, met in Tel Aviv under the banner of the new mass immigration as economic and political quarters discussed whether to levy a new IMMIGRATION TAX or a COMPULSORY LOAN to finance part of the absorption expenditure. THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY threatened to quit the Government coalition in a dispute over Income Tax Law amendments.

OGDEN REID, the youthful former publisher of the New York "Herald-Tribune," was nominated new U.S. Ambassador to Israel as the outgoing Ambassador, popular Edward Lawson, made the rounds of farewell calls and parties.

INFILTRATION FROM THE GAZA STRIP was on the increase again. THE CAUSES OF BORDER TENSION should be probed by the UNTSO Chief of Staff, General Van Horn, who should be given special powers by U.N. Secretary-General Hammarskjöld.

A SUPREME SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL to direct and coordinate all applied research is to be proposed to the Government.

Financing Newcomers

WHILE the Histadrut General Council, which opened its first meeting in Tel Aviv's Habimah Hall on Tuesday, devoted most of its attention to the problems posed by the renewal of mass immigration from Eastern Europe, it was quite evident that new levies would be imposed on the Israel taxpayer to finance at least part of the absorption costs.

The Histadrut voluntary Immigration Loan which got off to a promising start is still about a third short of its target, but even should the entire amount be subscribed, it will still be far from adequate. Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol indicated that absorption costs would boost the I.L.200m. draft budget for 1959/60 by another I.L.200m. Housing will require an additional I.L.100m., expanding public services I.L.50m. to I.L.25m., developing water resources about I.L.15m. and loans to industrial enterprises employing the immigrants up to I.L.20m. In addition about I.L.20m. will be needed to cover the severe damage done by this year's drought. Of these additional I.L.200m., Mr. Eshkol hopes to obtain about I.L.125m. abroad.

Additional income from U.J.A. funds and from Bonds sales would provide I.L.100m., U.S. drought aid will be hoped contribute I.L.20m., and aid for the development of water resources should provide I.L.10m. Israel also hopes to obtain I.L.20m. in foreign bank loans for agricultural development. Should all these expectations materialize, I.L.20m. will still have to come from Israel taxpayers. The big question was how to collect so large an additional sum. The voluntary Immigration Loan is unlikely to provide much more than I.L.25m., the Housing Loan has been increased by I.L.20m. Thus I.L.20m. will have to come from three sources: reduced Government subsidies, increased indirect taxation and some new levies in the form of a special tax or a compulsory loan.

There was no unanimity among those concerned about the I.L.200m. The hour parties—Mapai, Ahdut HaAvoda and Mapam—as well as the Histadrut leadership in general, seemed more inclined to a compulsory loan. The opposition to the I.L.200m. was based on the Government's policy of saving by cutting waste and suggested the rest be provided by new taxes. Mr. Eshkol himself also favoured a special Immigration Tax.

The Coalition parties apparently felt that the Israel taxpayer would take more kindly to a loan, but it even meant a compulsory, since it meant a promise to return his money to him some time in the future. They also felt that the public suspects that any special tax eventually becomes a regular tax. Moreover, they probably figured that a compulsory loan could be aimed primarily at the middle and higher income brackets, whereas a new tax would presumably conform to the regular income tax rates.

The opposition parties, on the other hand, claimed that a compulsory payment was a tax and that calling it a loan would be tantamount to misleading the public.

Mr. Eshkol himself reportedly feels that collecting the money in the form of a tax would not only be more simple from the administrative point of view, but would also avoid increasing the public debt and burdening the Treasury with interest payments. He also believes that the public now trusts that the Government will not convert a special tax into a regular one. The special Defence Levy imposed before the Sinai campaign as a temporary measure was duly rescinded later.

Tax Claim

THE question of income tax rates has meanwhile become an issue between the Progressive Party and the other Government parties. The Progressive Party wants to amend the law to lower the rates for middle-income earners and threaten to quit the coalition if their demand is not heeded.

The Progressive claim that the present rates place an undue heavy burden on middle-income groups, and that it discourages honesty in completing income tax returns. Moreover, it breeds a sense of grievance and a hostile reaction, which results in such developments as the slow response to the voluntary Immigration Loan. While the Progressive stress that their demand is aimed at restoring some measure of confidence between the citizen and the fiscal authorities and is not intended as a vote-catcher, most of the Progressive Party's supporters do belong to the middle income brackets.

The party is not unanimous about making an issue of this demand. Some leaders believe that the present moment, when the nation is striving to collect funds for immigration, is not the right time to start an all-out fight for tax reduction, however justified they may be. Others believe that the Progressive carry out their threat and quit the Coalition, which is thought unlikely, it would still leave Mr. Ben-Gurion's Government with a slim majority in the Knesset, dependent, however, on the vote of the three small Arab fractions.

Conductor Gusto Maria Giulini and a cast of Felsdud got a thunderous ovation at the Opera's Tel Aviv premiere. Giulini's conduct was "brilliant" and the Israeli National Opera's performance was "excellent" and "superb".

Monet Davis, who came to Israel from Panama and served here until his sudden death in December, 1958, in April 1964 the President appointed the then Ambassador to Iceland, Mr. Edward Lawson, as the new envoy to Israel, but it was not until November of that year that Mr. Lawson presented his credentials. He has served longer than any of his predecessors, and in his four years here has earned considerable personal popularity.

For almost a year before he came the U.N. Ambassador in Israel was headed by a Chargé d'Affaires. This time the State Department decided on intelligence and for Mr. Lawson's departure, although it was not certain whether the Democrat-dominated Senate would approve him.

Eyeless In Gaza

INCREASED infiltrator activity along the Gaza Strip, particularly in the last fortnight, strengthened suspicions that the Egyptians were again engaging in premeditated marauding. As yet most of the infiltrators fall into two categories: vandals crossing to steal livestock or irrigation pipes from Jewish settlements, and those coming on intelligence and sabotage missions to spy on military installations and military traffic and lay mines on roads used by Israeli vehicles. Some groups seem to combine both activities.

The increase in the number of thieving expeditions across the Gaza border, and the fact that the infiltrators are now using the Gaza border for military activity, no exact figures were available on the scope of intelligence mis-

Meanwhile the Foreign Ministry was discussing Israel's reply to U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's suggestion that U.N.T.S.O. Chief of Staff General Von Horn should make a survey to determine the causes of incidents and tension along Israel's borders with Syria and Egypt and make recommendations for their prevention.

A similar survey was made in 1955 by the U.N.T.S.O. Chief, General Burns, on the causes of incidents along the Gaza border. That survey failed to halt the chain of Jewish attacks and Israeli reprisals which ultimately led to the final evacuation of the Gaza Strip.

This time the Secretary-General's survey is being conducted by General Von Horn special powers to substitute for some security forces the moribund Mixed Armistice Commission. Mr. Hammarskjöld's proposal, of course, was also transmitted to the Cairo government, but by the end of this week neither Israel nor the U.A.R. had replied.

Ovdar Still Gives Water

Beduin drawing water with the same old leaky tin as Ovdar (Abdo).

By MEER BEN-DOV

THE ancient Nabataean and Byzantine city of Ovdar (Abdo or Abde) on Ellat road, is fast turning into a major tourist attraction of the Southern Negev. Ovdar's agricultural hinterland is a vast many kilometers before one reaches the basin of the town: low dunes, retaining walls and aqueducts. Occasional houses denote a former farmhouse or corral.

Ovdar itself is undergoing a thorough face-lifting at the hands of archaeologists with the financial aid of the Government Tourist Corporation. On the top of the hill, the ruins of the Roman bath-house have been cleared, and the arches rebuilt, showing clearly the intricacies of the Roman heating system. A gate has been fixed in the entrance to the bath-house to prevent vandalism, but one can see much of the interior through the bars. The old wall, right next to it, has been completely cleaned out, and all day long the Beduin, whose normal water holes have been dry for six months as a result of the drought, gather around to draw water for themselves and their thirsty flocks. Indifferent to the time and energy wasted by their crude methods, they slowly ladle the water from more than 30 metres down the face of the bath-house wall, and of a "well" made of knotted pieces of old string and a fair proportion of looted field-telephone wires.

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Mass Meals Offer More

Catering Factories Produce Tastier Economical Dishes

By EREV SCHUL

FROM 400-plate kitchens in the industrial factories to 15,000 diners, leisurely consumed at an altitude of 15,000 feet, in few trades are man and his machine called upon to perform a wider variety of jobs with the same materials and equipment than in a relative newcomer among trades to Israel — industrial catering.

Mass catering today has become less an art than a smooth organization. It is as remote from hotel cooking or workers' "soup kitchens" of a generation ago as a 150-passenger jetliner is from the horse and buggy. Nor, much as we would like to say so, does it have its local roots in the dining halls of the kibbutzim. Among its leading pioneers are Kurt Levy, manager of the Airport Hotel and Restaurant at Lydd; Samuel Gluck, head of the Kibbutz Experimental Station at Hamashbir; and the management of the Workers' Cafeteria at the Hamat Metal Works in Holon.

"Factory" Equipment

The days of the dishwashers, potato peelers and various other minor indignities of the kitchen kingdoms are numbered in economy-minded catering establishments. In hospitals, cafeterias and various other types of institutions, kitchens are becoming efficiency-minded workshops where, in a series of carefully checked and measured operations, the chef supervises the smooth functioning of his array of broilers, steamers, pressure cookers, peelers and various other sundry gadgets in one continuous operation from the raw created produce to the dining hall tables. The purpose: to eliminate the time-consuming hired machine of all — man. The name of the trade — industrial catering — derives a fuller meaning upon the actual introduction of machinery, a relatively recent process even abroad.

Some 95 per cent of the Israel's machinery requirements can now be covered by local production. Israel manufacturers of stainless steel products got off to a rather belated start not only because they had to await demand, dependent on general developments, but also because they lacked local know-how and were in competition against firms of world repute, frequently originators of the prototypes of machines in this field. Another major handicap was the buyers' "Buy Foreign and Go Safe" attitude.

Fortunately, the United production of the larger catering machines, high shipping costs and the fact that mass production does not influence prices to any decisive extent has enabled the local producers to more than hold their own. Thus, to quote only one item, the latest in dish-washing machines, shortly to be available by Hamashbir as agents for Ein Harod's Palumbo plant, will sell for IL7,000 and IL10,000 — depending on size. Equivalent German machines are priced DM18,000 and up, which is slightly more expensive. Domestic producers' guarantees also have greater value, ensuring the machine repairs whenever possible by factory experts in institutions where a routine breakdown may result in major catering disasters.

The mechanization of mass-catering kitchens is an expensive proposition, but definitely not disproportionately so, even though no comparative figures are available from abroad. Thus the total equipment of the new Municipal

Hospital in Tel Aviv, to cater to several hundred patients, will be provided by Hamashbir for IL4,000 — plus another IL20,000 worth of electrically heated food trolleys and various other items. The competitive prices of the local industry become even more of an accomplishment in view of an IL1-tax on every kilo of imported stainless steel. One such kilo yields a strip of metal only 25 centimeters wide.

The largest local manufacturer, Weinbaum of Tel Aviv and Palumbo of Ein Harod, and some 15 other smaller manufacturers, turn out a whole and complete range of stainless steel products ranging from vast steam cookers and broilers (at some IL2,000 per 100-litre unit) to bread-cutting machines, a "must" for pre-sliced bread bakeries. Caterers are at long last becoming increasingly aware of the local products. Nevertheless, manufacturers had to bring repeated pressure to bear on national and philanthropic-supported institutions to prevent the wholesale import of complete outfits valued at hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Workers' Cafeterias

Industrial catering is popularly associated exclusively with cafeterias in factories and workshops, where it is more of a fact than a wish. Much less dependent on its clients there, it sets out to provide plain, healthy, nourishing and tasty dishes. As much as possible to as many as possible — and last and not least, not least, as little time as possible. Here again, machinery comes into its own. Operating on limited budgets, plant cafeterias are often subsidized by as much as 50 per cent. Staff has to be kept down to a minimum and yet the outfit must operate at a maximum of efficiency. It is to serve large numbers in a short time span. Specialized equipment again provides the answer.

Thus at the Hamat Metal Plant near Holon a small staff provides a generous four-course meal, including soup, meat or fish and dessert, for some 400 diners at 450 pruta per meal. An "extra plus" breakfast sells for 250 pruta. This cafeteria, picked out because it happened to be the largest of its kind in the region, is one of dozens which have become indispensable to the workers in the Dan area, frequently providing them with their only hot meal of the day. The success of these establishments is even more marked in view of the fact that there can be no individual catering to the tastes and palates of workers originating from some 60 different countries.

The development of mass-catering would probably never have taken place had it not been for the earlier availability of local equipment, thereby reversing an ancient marketing principle.

De-Luxe Version

A grounded airplane means a grounded investment. Every thing is done to get the plane back into the air again as fast as possible, with white overalls crews toiling round the clock to service the modern behemoth of the air. The pampered aristocrat of travellers remains coolly indifferent, to eat and nap and eat some more later on, thousands of feet up and miles away from all the fuss and the routine but climaxing feat of industrial catering today.

No matter what the delays in departure may be, there

is one cuisine an airline representative just will not accept: his caterers. Thus it is to the credit of the Lydda Airport restaurants that for all of its being a relative newcomer to this trade, it catered to all of the airlines that operate into Israel.

A superior touch down at midnight. It leaves again by three a.m. Its passengers are blissfully unaware of the complex problem of the catering for the night flight. The new passengers will soon be served a "midnight snack" — oven-warm rolls, piped cheese and soft-boiled eggs, plus fragrant coffee, all looking as if they had just come out from under the chef's capable hands.

Deep Freeze

Yet the stuffed tomatoes were probably frozen from one week earlier. The chef also saw the chef last week ago, as did the greens and meats or consumables and whatever lends itself to this procedure. Automatic bakeries supply the exact number of fresh rolls for every flight. The precise number of soups, Hot Potato, Pumpernickel, Assorted Cold Cuts, Relishes and Fruit Salads that are required, are packaged and loaded for one sample "Midnight Snack" at Lydda. So, depending on the time of day, are soup-to-nuts dinners for passengers from first class to economy class. It has all been turned out by just a handful of men and machines, as much as when it was most convenient for them, thanks to the blessings of the deep-freeze and industrial catering, and the promise of even better things to come.

SAS Starting 'Jet-Meals'

COPENHAGEN.—A brand-new food service is being introduced on Scandinavian Airlines System's (SAS) jet service to London. SAS starts serving Caravelle jetliners to 31 cities in 11 European and African countries on May 15. The airline will offer four jet services to more than 100 other cities. Because of the speed of the Caravelle — 1,400 miles an hour — food service will be shortened to less than an hour. To provide complete service for both short and long-haul passengers, SAS food experts are developing a new menu for the Caravelle, to be served on each leg of a Caravelle flight.

DIGGING IN AT DIGS

BY PAUL KOHN

"ONLY sixty-five pounds," said the landlady. "That's all right, but I'll be damned if I'll let you say such a thing! With a telephone in the house, a separate entrance, use of the kitchen and a car, this is a real home!"

Her last point decided us to cough up the IL6 and take the room. Peace and quiet, the landlady said. No sooner had we laid down our travelling bags than a foghorn of a voice (female) from a room above addressed her landlady. "You got a new lodger? Where is he from? What does he do for a living?..."

At that point the windows and doors started a mighty rattle and a terrible whirling noise reared up just under the window. The water pipe burst that very morning, the landlady explained, "the sixth time in Tel Aviv in the last couple of weeks, because the water supply now comes at much greater pressure from the various rivers sources, and the pipes can't stand up to it." Com-



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Consumer's Hour Strikes

By YACOV ANDON

WITH reasoning practically ended, the consumer can decide where, what and how much to buy. And by choosing one product in preference to another, he can exercise judgment on the quality of goods and services.

But without full, objective and relevant information on a product, consumers cannot make a judicious choice. In most advanced countries, they have therefore formed organizations for the protection of their interests, often with the support of enlightened and far-sighted governments. In Britain, the U.S. and elsewhere, these organizations are independent and influential and have done much to raise production and marketing standards for most consumer goods, from food to furniture, from household appliances to hire-purchase regulations.

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As a result of its pressure, some industrial products have already improved, spoilt foods have been confiscated, forgotten Government regulations have been put back into circulation and new ones initiated, although very much more remains to be done. The Association has given top priority to food production and marketing. That these need reform has been confirmed time and again by local and foreign experts.

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At this explains the heavy purple haze under our bloodshot eyes, the quiver of our hands and the morose twist of the mouth. But we ask, what is the point of complaining about blaring radios, madly booming drivers or habitually screaming spouses, when the howling of cats and dogs is nature's pipes are "unavoidable accidents," trumpet and piano practice, dancing school, cinema and voice developing are culture?

We thought of moving, but decided against it — it would probably be worse elsewhere. Unless, of course, someone can offer us sound-proof walls. Any empty studios at Kol Yisrael? I'll offer seventy-five pounds a month.

Soldiers' Friend: Shekom

By Our Jerusalem Editor

THE first self-service shops in Israel were established not by the supermarket and not by consumer co-operatives but by the Shekom company which opened in 1954, at a time when rationing still held sway, and most traders were certain of a seller's market and unconcerned with selling methods and costs.

Shekom could, of course, make a bid for the purchasing power of its clients, because it served a special class of consumers — servicemen of the army and their families — which were even then assured of a better supply and put in a position to exercise freer choices. But it was also driven to establish self-service shops by the necessity of putting operations on an efficient basis in order to remain remunerative.

For although Shekom is a state-owned enterprise, it has paid its way ever since its establishment in 1954 as a commercial firm affiliated to the Ministry of Defense. In fact, it has accumulated enough profits to finance its expansion and development programmes without any subsidies or subsidies, and it is still proceeding in that manner under the changed circumstances of a decontrolled and plentiful market in which it has inevitably encountered increased competition.

Canteen Service
Catering and canteen service for army units still remain the prime function of the company, and a considerable part of it is regularly done under field conditions for units in training, on the move, or during manoeuvres. In addition, however, Shekom maintains 18 general stores for servicemen's families and a holiday camps (in partly-rented hotels), operates the army's cinema service and caters for official and private festive parties and officers' clubs. It owns a cake bakery, a sausage factory, a workshop for the supply of special equipment for its shops and canteens, a large central warehouse and several central kitchens, of which more are to be established. Its pay roll lists over 300 permanent employees — in addition to a large number of part-time personnel — and its annual turnover is approximately 10,000,000, evenly divided between the army canteens and the city shops.

From 1953/54 to 1955/56 Shekom's average monthly turnover steadily increased by an aggregate 80 per cent, which may be taken as a 21 per cent at stable prices.

The experience of advanced countries has been that one cannot post a policeman at every food shop to enforce sanitation, or in every factory to check on compliance with production standards. Britain has had a Standards Institute for 30 years, but it is the consumers, through their organization (membership 700,000, growing by 2,000 monthly), who secure respect for official regulations. The food manufacturer and distributor must have an incentive to improve his products or services. Without this, regulations will not be effective. Education rather than regulation is necessary. Since most foodstuffs are now in plentiful supply, the consumer should shop selectively. Consumers' boycotts have been effective tools in improving quality and lowering prices.

Professor Joslyn's recommendations call for action along the whole line of food handling. Consumers should insist on the proper grading of vegetables to keep inferior grades off the market and avoid waste. "Altogether there is much food waste in Israel," the visiting expert says. Correct labelling should be introduced here, and credit is due to the U.S. Operations Mission for its help in preparing a public demonstration to be held soon.

The consumer has to be shaken out of his indifference. He does not know that he has great power. Attracting him is a very important step, pamphlets and posters are not enough. Public meetings are required to explain to the consumer that he does not have to accept a situation as it is, but can rather choose it.



Though a part of it may be due to the rise in the number of personnel entitled to buy at the company's shops, the volume of sales per customer has apparently also increased, even in real terms. It is impossible to say off-hand whether this is due to Shekom's competitive power (a survey conducted two years ago found Shekom prices lower than those of comparable goods in other shops) or to the consumers' increased purchasing power, but the latter seems to have been the major factor, as evidenced by the change in the break-down of the company's sales.

In 1955/56 groceries accounted for 80 per cent of all Shekom sales; by 1956/57 their share had dropped to 55 per cent, while the share of household goods increased from 6 per cent to 15, and textiles and clothing from 13 per cent to 24. It is also of interest that Shekom's e.g. furniture and books — showed an absolute decline in the period under review. Moreover, in 1957/58 there was a slight drop in monthly turnover at real terms (though not in actual proceeds). However, constant efforts are being made to recover lost ground and to keep abreast of the advancing efficiency of trade in this country.

In 1957/58, Shekom's gross profits amounted to IL4.8m, i.e. a trade margin of 30 per cent. The company's net profits averaged 1.8 per cent of the turnover over the past six fiscal years, with a peak of 3.5 per cent in 1956/57. Nevertheless by the end of June 1957, its total assets amounted to IL4.8m — as compared with IL4.4m by the end of March 1955 — of which the share capital was IL4.4m. At the same time the company's fixed assets had increased from IL0.76m to IL4.44m, of which 61 per cent (IL2.7m) are being made to replace IL4.4m of short-term and IL1.7m of long-term liabilities. It is to be hoped that the company will be in a position to maintain such a sound financial policy and to continue to constitute a viable concern.

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